



# ECSM News

## Community Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh Sharing Ministry with First Congregational Church of Antioch



March 2018, Issue 3

From the CPC Pastor



Rev. Will wrote this hymn for last Sunday's Interfaith Concert, we will be using it around Creation Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>....



From the FCCA Pastor



### We are Children of Creation

(to the tune of *Hymn to Joy*, Ludvig van Beethoven,  
words by Rev. Will McGarvey)

We are children of creation  
Members of one family tree.  
We are called to love each other  
Stewards of the air we breath.  
You are Sikh and I am Buddhist,  
I am Muslim, you a Jew,  
We are Pagan and believers  
In the mysteries all find true.

Thoughtful, thoughtful, we are open  
To the worlds diversity.  
We have come to find our place  
Within the many paths we see.  
We are sisters, we are brothers,  
Of the world's variety.  
We will seek to love each other  
As we serve those most in need.

Prayerful, prayerful, we are pleading  
For a world that's safe and fair  
For each child that walks to school  
And for each elder everywhere.  
Knit us all into one fabric  
Keeping our great gifts in view,  
Help us all to celebrate the  
Beauty we all see in You!

Together we serve,

**Pastor Will**

A number of years ago, after my father was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease but was still able to communicate, my parents started a new tradition. They called it Sharing Time. After dinner and before Jeopardy, they would sit beside each other in their favorite chairs and just talk to each other. Sometimes they would read a passage from the Bible or another book. But usually, at the beginning it was simply a dedicated time to be with each other...like a date night in an earlier version of their lives. As the Alzheimer's progressed and Dad became less and less able to communicate, Mom started to read to Dad during their Sharing Time. He could no longer understand what she was saying or reading, but the sound of her voice seemed to comfort him. Last year during Lent, Mom read out loud from Peter Marshall's book, *The First Easter*. She confided to me in a phone conversation that she had finished the book long before Easter arrived, so she just started to read the book over again for a second time from the beginning. She knew Dad wouldn't remember that she had just read it and she had enjoyed the book so much she decided to read it again.

This year, Dad died just as Lent began...four days after Ash Wednesday. The book, *The First Easter*, stayed on the shelf this Lent...forgotten as Dad slipped away from us.

Had he lived, my guess is he would have heard *The First Easter* again...for a third and maybe even a fourth time.

But that was not to be.

In memory of Dad and *The First Easter*, I looked Peter Marshall up on line. *The First Easter* is an edited compilation of his sermons. He was a Scottish Presbyterian minister who served as pastor of the New York Ave. Presbyterian Church in Washington D.C. He also served as chaplain of the U.S. Senate from 1947-1949.

**Pastors' schedule:** Pastor Will will be on vacation March 2-12th, contact Pastor Christy at 510.847.4650 or the church office 925.439.9361 during that time.

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**Easter Lilies:** Nora Buluran will take orders for lilies to help decorate the Sanctuary on Easter, in memory or recognition of a loved one. The cost will be \$8.00. Place your order by March 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Flowers for Easter**

**flowering cross:** We will create a beautiful flowered cross again this year for Easter. Please bring flowers on Easter morning to be used for the cross. All kinds of flowers are appreciated. Bring flowers from your yard or pick some up at the grocery store or florist shop. Greenery is also welcome.



**Easter Egg Hunt:** Donate eggs with prizes in them or just candy/prizes to fill the eggs we have. We especially need wrapped candy. Bring them to the Church office by Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you all for your help!

### **Holy Week**

**Maundy Thursday** – March 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be sharing worship with Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church at Clayton Valley with a Soup and Salad supper at 6:00 PM before the worship service. The service will be at 7:00 pm.



**Easter Celebration** will be April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am in the Camp Stoneman Chapel. Bring flowers to help flower the cross during the children's message.

### **Pastor Christy continues...**

He died suddenly and unexpectedly from a heart attack in 1949 at the age of 51. His wife, Catherine Marshall, edited his Easter sermons and created the book *The First Easter* after his death.

Quoting now from Peter Marshall:

"No tabloid will ever print the startling news that the mummified body of Jesus of Nazareth has been discovered in old Jerusalem. Christians have no carefully embalmed body enclosed in a glass case to worship. Thank God, we have an empty tomb. The glorious fact that the empty tomb proclaims to us is that life for us does not stop when death comes. Death is not a wall, but a door."

As we move through the final weeks of Lent towards Easter, may we be reminded that "death is not a wall, but a door." A door that opens into the mystery of eternity....the mystery of resurrection.

Blessings,

*Christy*

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### **Note from Mary Burks:**

I have recently become the Chair of the Building and Grounds committee. Michael Capurro will take over the Fellowship Ministry committee. Please give him your full support.

As Building and Grounds Elder I will more or less be the point person for any projects that may be happening. I'm still counting on all of the folks who are so gifted and talented at actually doing the projects. If you have any requests, ideas or concerns please let me know. I will take whatever action that is needed.

Thank you all for your support while Elder for Fellowship and in advance of being the Elder for B&G. It will be a smooth year.

Mary Burks, Elder

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### **CPC Treasurer's Corner:**

#### **January 2018**

Income: \$14,857.12

Expenses: \$11,870.02

#### **February 2018**

Income: \$8,427.26

Expenses: \$11,528.62

# THE SHARED LIFE OF THE CHURCH

The **Monthly Fellowship Lunch** will next meet Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at Black Bear Diner (3201 Main Street, Oakley). **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Outreach Committee:** We will next meet Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Stoneman Room.

**Welcome & Marketing Committee:** will next meet March 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 am in the Stoneman Room.

**Worship Committee:** will next meet Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 pm at Ann Custer's home.

**Classic Film Night** *formally LGBTQ Film Night*: Will next meet Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Stoneman Room.

**March 18<sup>th</sup> will be our monthly**

## Sparkle Sunday

*Wear something that shines to share the light of Christ.  
Bring a can of food or a donation for the food banks.*

**Pittsburg Community Emergency Service – PICES - has moved! The new address is: 270 East 10<sup>th</sup> St., Pittsburg.**

March 5<sup>th</sup> Services will begin at the new address 270 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The PICES food bank is open Mondays Wednesday and Fridays from 1 to 3 pm. Vouchers are given in the church office, valid ID is required and the person receiving the aid must be a Pittsburg resident. Thank you!

**Memorial Service for Betty Brown** will be Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am in the Chapel, refreshments will be served in the Social Hall after the service.

**Equal Exchange:** Coffee, tea and chocolate bars are available. The cart is out on Sundays during the Fellowship Hour. Give the money to Mary or Ann. Checks made payable to CPC. Thanks.

### Bountiful Table Free Lunch Program

We will be serving a Bountiful Table lunch on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. If you have any extra blankets or towels, we will also be handing them out during the winter months! If you feel you are being called to serve, please come anytime!



### March

1	Ben Johnson
2	Dawn Conant
3	Becky McGarvey
6	Caitlin Kenney
	Jordin Burks
	Acelynn Buluran
7	Carol Hosmer
	JamieGrace Mo raya Bellinger
17	Okoro Umozurike
19	Jennifer Shipe
21	Bev Peterson
24	Ian McGarvey
26	Richard James
30	Jude Stephens
31	Dan Green

*\*Contact Jessica, the Church Secretary, to add your Birthday & Anniversary to our records today!*

### Happy Anniversary!

### March



10	Bob Flegel and Karen Hastings-Flegel
12	Carol and Kal Krishnan

**FCCA Cabinet** will next meet Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, immediately following worship.

**FCC Monday Bible Study:** We meet at 10:00 am every Monday in the Stoneman Room for an informal time of conversation, prayer & study.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** We meet every Tuesday at 10 am in the Stoneman Room.

**Theology Pub:** Will next meet Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, at La Veranda, 444 Railroad Ave, Pittsburg.

### Save the Date!

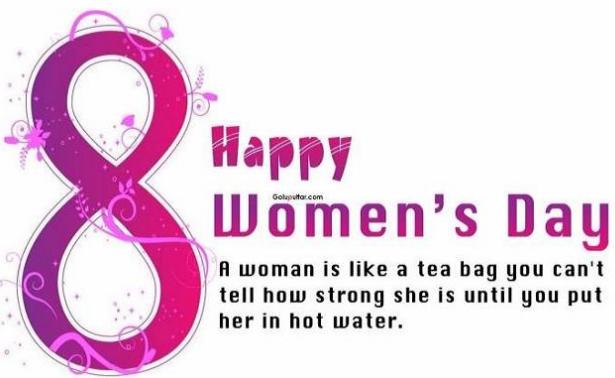
We will be hosting the Winter Nights Shelter, May 7-21<sup>st</sup> ... Volunteer opportunities will be available. Lists will be available after April 1. Contact Carol Hosmer with any questions.



**NEED A RENTAL HALL?  
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Please contact our Events Coordinator, Jessica Natal for information. Private Rental rates for your friends are based on the number in attendance. CPC & FCCA members get the Church Member rates. Contact Jessica at 925.276.0960 or [cpcpittsburg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cpcpittsburg@sbcglobal.net)



## ■ **ECSM News!**

■ All newsletter articles are due on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month.  
■ Please email to Jessica at [cpcpittsburg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cpcpittsburg@sbcglobal.net).



## **For the Joy of Music**



The hills are alive with the sound of music. Well, maybe not all the hills, but at ESCM we are planning a joyful noise this spring. Here's our rehearsal schedule:

March 11, 11:45 am  
March 25, 9 am and 11:45 am  
April 1, HAPPY EASTER, 9 am

Our Music Ministry is an essential segment of worship, particularly as we move through the Lenten season toward the resurrection celebration. We are so grateful for our faithful musicians, and for those who've been considering participating in the music program, here is a perfect opportunity to check out this fulfilling form of expression.

## **7 Reasons Why Music Is Important to World Cultures**

<http://www.musicthinktank.com/blog/7-reasons-why-music-is-important-to-world-cultures.html>

1. It makes it easy to celebrate
2. Music is a form of expression
3. It allows us to dance
4. It continues to evolve
5. It's an art form
6. Music is intimate
7. It's a form of communication



# RECIPE CORNER

## Chicken Tortilla Soup



### Ingredients

1 onion, chopped  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
2 teaspoons chili powder  
1 teaspoon dried oregano  
1 (28 ounce) can crushed tomatoes  
1 (10.5 ounce) can condensed chicken broth  
1 1/4 cups water  
1 cup whole corn kernels, cooked  
1 cup white hominy  
1 (4 ounce) can chopped green chile peppers  
1 (15 ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained  
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro  
2 boneless chicken breast halves, cooked and cut into bite-sized pieces  
crushed tortilla chips  
sliced avocado  
shredded Monterey Jack cheese  
chopped green onions

### Directions

In a medium stock pot, heat oil over medium heat. Sauté onion and garlic in oil until soft. Stir in chili powder, oregano, tomatoes, broth, and water. Bring to a boil, and simmer for 5 to 10 minutes.

Stir in corn, hominy, chiles, beans, cilantro, and chicken. Simmer for 10 minutes.

Ladle soup into individual serving bowls, and top with crushed tortilla chips, avocado slices, cheese, and chopped green onion.

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**Do you have a yummy recipe you would like to share?** Submit it to Jessica by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of any month to feature in the newsletter.

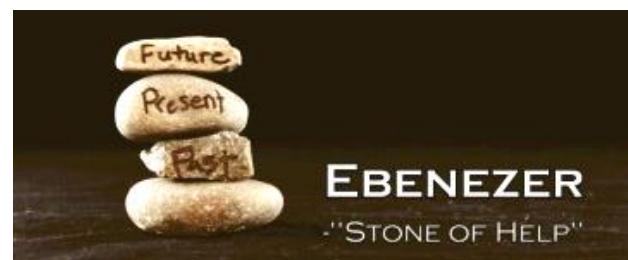
## Ebenezer

By Edie Lanstrom

When I see the word Ebenezer, I think of Scrooge cruel miser in Charles paid his clerk a starvation wage and kept him working in a freezing cold room. In an article I read there is another definition of Ebenezer.

In 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 4:1-11 and 5:1 Ebenezer is identified with a site where the Israelites were twice defeated in battle by the Philistines and the Ark of the Covenant was stolen. The site wasn't named Ebenezer until the Israelites took back the site and the Ark of the Covenant. Literally speaking, an Ebenezer is "a stone of help," or a reminder of the presence of God in what sometime seems a godless world. An Ebenezer can be the Bible, a mother reading a story, a hymn, or a toddler running toward his father's open arms.

I've been carrying an Ebenezer in my purse for years and didn't know it! My Ebenezer is a small silver angel encased in an oval-shaped clear material. In the six years since my husband died, I have had to meet tremendous challenges—learning to pay household bills, finding medical coverage for my disabled son when he lost coverage that was through my husband employer. The worst adjustment was learning to live life without my husband. In my lowest points, I hold my Ebenezer in my hand and pray for help as I go through another lonely day and invariably I think of friends in a small white church in Pittsburg, California and feel wrapped in unconditional love. I am beginning to make friends the church here. As I adjust to my new environment, I feel prayer and the "stone of help" will ease me into full acceptance of my living space.



## MARCH CELEBRATIONS

**March 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**Communion Sunday**  
Rev. Christy Parks-Ramage

**March 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
Rev. Christy Parks-Ramage

**March 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**Sparkle Sunday**  
Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:1-12 or Ps 119:9-16  
Heb 5:5-10; Jn 12:20-33  
Rev. Will McGarvey

**March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Palm/Passion Sunday**  
**New Way Sunday**  
Rev. Christy Parks-Ramage

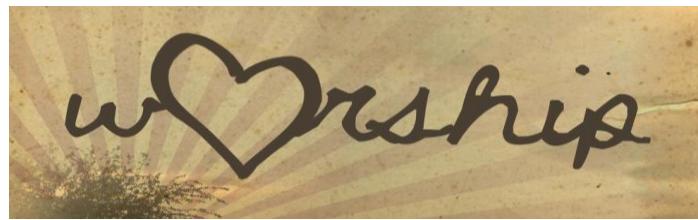
**March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Maundy Thursday**  
Ex 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14, Ps 116:1-2, 12-19;  
1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-17, 31b-35

**March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Good Friday**  
Isa 52:13-53:12; Ps 22 • Heb 10:16-25 or  
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

**March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**Holy Saturday**  
Job 14:1-14; Lam 3:1-9, 19-24; Ps 31:1-4, 15-16  
1 Pet 4:1-8; Mt 27:57-66 or Jn 19:38-42



**Daylight Savings begins -**  
**Sunday, March 11, 2018 – Don't**  
**forget to set your clocks forward**  
**1 hour before bed.**



## WORSHIP LEADERS

**March 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Liturgists Jane Fish  
Ushers Chris and Cherie Persing  
Greeters Chris and Cherie Persing

**March 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Liturgists Donna Henry  
Ushers Jim and Janie Hodges  
Greeters Roberto and Nora Buluran

**March 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Liturgists Jim Hodges  
Ushers Dave and Letha Arms  
Greeters The Umozurike Family

**March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Liturgists New Way  
Ushers George and Jude Stephens  
Greeters George and Jude Stephens

**April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Liturgists Betsy Sullivan  
Ushers Umoz Umozurike and  
Greeters Gayle Namanny  
Mary Burks

**Ushers:** Please let **Janie Hodges** know by the Friday before your Sunday. If you cannot make it on the date/date's above. You may contact her at 925-368-5797 or [nihodges@aol.com](mailto:nihodges@aol.com). If you have any questions or would like to become an Usher, please email or call her.

## Care Team offering

The first Sunday of each month has traditionally been Deacons' Sunday at Community Presbyterian Church – it will now be Care Team Sunday at ECSV.

The Care team has a special fund for persons in need who come to our church looking for emergency support. The fund has been used to provide housing, food or gasoline to help families who find themselves in difficult circumstances.

Special envelopes are available in the pew racks for those who wish to help the Care Team provide support for those in need coming to our church seeking help.

The Care Team thanks everyone for their continued support.

# PRAYER PAGE

## Prayers of Healing

Renée Moore, Virginia Devens, Reggie Washington, Starr Lieber, Dorothy Shipe, Lucille Corzine, Elaine Grothmann, Anne Cakebread, Betty LaMar, Margaret Wilcox, Paul Telfer, Betty Rexroth, Mary Vargo, Patsy Nash. Elwin, Bev Peterson's husband. Carol Krishnan's sisters. Grace, Donald Lang's grandmother. Hanby & Greenwood Families (Betsy Sullivan's Family). Deborah Scott (with many health issues right now). Catherine Hewitt, Mary Burks cousin who is battling cancer. Kahli Davis. Jerry Castleberry and Richard James. Carol Czarnowski. Lucille Brautigam. Pat Vines and Bill Dexheimer

## Prayers of Concern

Those affected by the recent violence here and abroad. Those affected by the natural disasters in Texas, the Caribbean – St. Martin, St. Barts, Antigua and Barbuda, British Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Turks and Caicos, Miami, Cuba, Mexico, Nepal, Northern & Southern California, the Philippines, Japan. Safety for all in Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Yemen, Libya, Egypt and Sudan. California Public Schools and teachers. The economy, and those laid off or in need of employment. Those living without shelter, experiencing any form of mental illness and those without healthcare. Betty Pankey. The families of Betty Brown, Reed Custer and Silver Halladay. Pastor Christy and family.

## Prayers For Our Mission Partners

Prayers for the ministry of Let's Feed the Kids, Friends Feeding Friends, Habitat for Humanity, the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County, Loaves and Fishes, P.I.C.E.S., the Antioch Ministerial Food Bank, the Literacy Project in Pittsburg, the Presbytery of San Francisco, the Bay Association of the Northern California-Nevada Conference, UCC, Westminster Woods, Camp Cazadero, Rev. Charles Tinsley at the Juvenile Detention Center, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Winter Nights Rotating Shelter, Shelter Inc., Shepherd's Gate, Heifer International, and the Al-Basma School and Program in Beit Sahour, Palestine, Joining Hands – Bolivia, Hesperian International, the Keep Hope Alive Program, and Minar and Milad Vosqueritchean in East Jerusalem with their after school peace school and music program.

Prayer cards are located in the Narthex by the Guest Book



## Prayers for Sisters & Brothers Around the World

The Conflict in the Middle East; Darfur, Sudan; East Congo, Bolivia; Colombia; Venezuela; Lebanon, Israel-Palestine, North Korea, and Mumbai, India. Long term aid to Haiyan victims; children in Hurricane areas; those affected by earthquakes, and the unrest in Pakistan. For those who serve in the Armed Forces. For those who suffer from hunger and thirst; loneliness; illness; malnutrition; ageism. For those who are excluded; homeless; friendless; the underemployed and jobless. For those affected by hurricanes and fires and violence.

## March Prayer Families & Churches

March 4

Lucille Brautigam and Rose Solorzano  
Gustave and Ingrid Broers

**Delta Community Presbyterian – Discovery Bay  
Skyline Community UCC – Oakland**

March 11

Jackson Bropleh  
Libby, Emma and Evan Brownrigg  
**John Knox Presbyterian Church – Dublin  
Squaw Valley Chapel UCC – Olympic Valley**

March 18

Mary Ann Buffo  
Robert, Acelynn and Andrew Buluran  
**Immanuel Presbyterian Church – Fremont  
Orinda Community UCC**

March 25

Roberto and Nora Buluran  
Lois Burch  
**Irvington Presbyterian Church – Fremont  
First Congregational UCC – Oroville**



# COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Minutes for Regular Stated Meeting of Session

**February 10, 2018**

The regular stated meeting of Session was called to order at 12:27 p.m. in the Sunday School room of the church by checking in.

**Elders present:** Ruling Elders: Mary Burks, Betsy Sullivan, Jim Hodges and Teaching Elder/Moderator Rev. Will McGarvey. Ruling Elders-elect Myrdell Dybdal, Carol Hosmer and Michael Capurro were also present. A quorum was present.

**Elders excused:** Dave Arms.

**Visitors:** Donald Lang was not able to make it to the meeting, we will meet with him after church Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. See postscript under new business below.

**The meeting was opened in prayer by Moderator Will McGarvey.**

Docket was read and approved.

**MSC to approve minutes of January 16, 2018, Regular Stated Meeting of Session and the January 28, 2018, Annual congregational meeting as submitted.**

**Consent Calendar approved:**

**Approve for 2018 all current elders as Presbytery commissioners, with the first two to sign in being the commissioners for that meeting.**

### **SPECIAL REPORTS:**

**Clerk of Session:** The annual Statistical report was sent electronically to the General Assembly on February 3, 2018. With the deaths of Reed Custer and Betty Brown in January, the membership was reduced to 52; however, with the potential addition of new members Donna Henry, Ken and Joan Schmitt and Donald Lang, the current membership will be 56.

**Correspondence:** A thank you note was sent to Nancye Blasingame for her work on the 2016 financial review.

#### **Pastor's Report:**

**Presbytery Meeting report:** No Meeting. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church. Jim, Will and Mary plan to attend.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report emailed by Cherie Persing 02-09-18, with slight correction 02/10/18 of January interest of \$6.08 added to line item 1031 and \$5.51 added to line item 1032.

**Care Team:** No report as Leadership meeting was the same day as this meeting.

**Event Coordinator:** No report.

**Nominating Committee:** No report.

**Personnel Committee:** No report.

### **COMMITTEE/MINISTRY REPORTS:**

**Building & Grounds:** No report.

**Christian Education:** No report.

**Fellowship:** Report emailed by Mary Burks 02-09-18.

**Outreach:** Report sent on 02-10-18 and discussed.

**Stewardship & Finance:** No report as meeting will be 2<sup>nd</sup> week in March.

**Welcoming & Marketing:** No report as meeting will be March 7th.

**Worship:** No report.

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## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Postscript-Ruling Elders Jim Hodges, Mary Burks and Betsy Sullivan, Elders-elect Michael Capurro and Carol Hosmer and Moderator Will McGarvey met with Donald Lang on February 11, after church for examination for church membership, MSC to approve Donald Lang for membership.**
  - Discussed Elder chairs of committees: **MSC to appoint Mary Burks - Personnel and Buildings and Grounds; Myrdell Dybdal – Finance; Carol Hosmer – Outreach; and Michael Capurro – Fellowship.**
- The Session Meeting dates calendar, including hosts and responsibilities for communion was reviewed and approved. A copy is attached to these minutes for the record. **Please note that FCCA takes responsibility for communion once each quarter, so the responsibility for hosting the Session meeting is no longer coupled to that Elder taking responsibility for communion that same month for 2018.**
- The reimbursement process for bills was discussed, so that each Elder is aware of the proper process. No specific action was taken as this is clarification of existing processes. The Elder responsible for a given committee must complete and sign the half-sheet salmon-colored form (available from Jessica) and submit the form along with appropriate receipt to Cherie Persing for payment or reimbursement. Cherie Persing (CPC) and Paul Fish (FCCA) will determine between them which congregation pays the appropriate amount.
- A CPC member had expressed concern about the church landscaping and landscaping contractor costs. Mary Burks, as the new Chair of that committee, will explore possibilities of reducing costs with the landscaper and improving the appearance of our campus.

## **CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

- The Chapel Improvement Fund & "Hearing loop":
  - Myrdell Dybdal has received a bid from Abbey Carpet for carpet as \$6797.
  - **MSC to recognize that money contributed to Reed Custer Memorial funds will be dedicated to the Chapel Improvement Fund in accordance with Ann's desires.**
- Due to time, consideration of the following items has been postponed to the March meeting:
  - Review of Revisions to Policies and Procedures Manual to reflect dissolution of Board of Deacons, replacement by Care Team and allow members and non-members of either congregation to serve if interested from Joint Leadership Meeting.
  - Possible workshop with David Henry.
  - Installation of Crosses: Update from Dave and Chris.
  - Continuing the conversation with the pastor.

**Meeting adjourned by Michael Capurro in prayer at 1:30 p.m.**

Next Session Meeting: March 20, 2018 hosted by Myrdell Dybdal.

Myrdell Dybdal is scheduled to prepare March communion.

Next Joint CPC Session/FCCA Cabinet meeting scheduled for May 6, 2018 immediately following worship in the Camp Stoneman Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Hodges  
Clerk of Session

This meeting, the first annual ECSM Joint Leadership Retreat, was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Camp Stoneman Room at CPC, by checking in and with prayer by Mike Sullivan.

**CPC Elders present:** Ruling Elders Mary Burks, Betsy Sullivan and Jim Hodges; Ruling Elders-elect Myrdell Dybdal, Carol Hosmer and Michael Capurro; and Teaching Elder/Moderator Rev. Will McGarvey. A quorum was present.

**Elders excused:** Dave Arms

**FCCA Cabinet present:** Sandy Henry, Lyn Loftin, Judie Moore, Ginny McGuire, Paul Fish, Bev Peterson, Elaine Palmer,

**Care Team Members present:** Michael Capurro (outgoing), Jude Stephens, Judy Hartz, Mike Sullivan

Deacon-elect Janis Campbell

**Visitors:** Stephanie Capurro

Breakfast refreshments were provided by Elders and lunch was provided by the Care Team.

Will announced Betty Brown's memorial will be held on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM in the chapel.

Myrdell requested that when prayer requests are being taken in church the pastors repeat the prayer request so that we all can hear the request.

**Home communion.** Will and Sandy led in a presentation of how Care Team members can best serve our home-bound parishioners when leading them in home communion. Will presented new ECSM handouts to be used in aiding the members celebrate communion. The white copy can be given to the member, and the Care Team members should use the blue copy to aid them in leading the members. Sandy mentioned taking note cards to leave for the person if they are not available for a visit. They went through and explained all the items in the home communion kit.

Boundaries were discussed. When entering the member's abode, discuss with them the scope of the communion and use only those portions that area appropriate for that individual that day. Sandy gave some tips: meet them where they are, even on the same level (physically) as they are.; silence can be good; offer a hand; and ask if a hug is okay to allow them to express their limits.

The group then went through the entire roster of adherents to our congregations, checking on status and current addresses and contact information. Sandy is the moderator of the FCCA cabinet and Jane Fish has agreed to be the assistant moderator.

Next the group went through the entire calendar year and clarified times for major church events. Some of the major recurring events are that Session meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm, the FCCA Cabinet meets the third Sunday each month after church at 11:45 am, but there are no Session or Cabinet meetings in July and no Cabinet meeting in August. Meetings of some of the committees are Fellowship-first Wednesday of month, Bountiful Table- third Saturday, Outreach-second Monday at 1:00 pm. Jessica is setting up a Google calendar with all major church events. The calendar will be located on each church's website.

The joint session ended at 12:10 p.m.

Lunch was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Hodges, Clerk of CPC Session

# JOINT CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH 2018

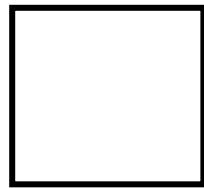
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>February 25</b> 9:00 am New Way Warm up – Chapel <b>10:00 am Black History - New Way Worship Service in the Chapel</b> 11:45 am New Way Rehearsal – Chapel  <b>2 pm – 6 pm – Private event - SH</b>  4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms	<b>February 26</b> 10:00 am FCC Bible Study – CSR 6:30 pm Venture Crew – CSR 7:30 pm Boy Scouts – SH  PCT – 7 - 10pm – Chapel	<b>February 27</b> 10:00 am Bible Study – CSR PCT – 7 - 10pm – Chapel  7:00 pm – Theology Pub – EJ Phair	<b>February 28</b> PCT – 7 - 10pm – Chapel 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	<b>March 1</b> PCT – 7 - 10pm – Chapel	<b>March 2</b> 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	<b>March 3</b> 4 pm – 9 pm – Private event - SH
<b>4</b> <b>10:00 am Worship Service in the Chapel</b>  4-7 MC – Sanctuary & classrooms	<b>5</b> 10:00 am FCC Bible Study – CSR 6:30 pm Venture Crew – CSR 7:30 pm Boy Scouts – SH  PCT – 7 - 10pm – Chapel	<b>6</b> 10:00 am Bible Study – CSR PCT – 7 - 10pm – Chapel	<b>7</b> 11:30 am – Monthly Lunch in Antioch 1:30 pm – Fellowship Meeting PCT – 7 - 10pm – Chapel  7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	<b>8</b> PCT – 7 - 10pm – Chapel	<b>9</b> 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	<b>10</b> 3 pm – 7 pm – Private event - SH
<b>11 Daylight Savings Ends</b> 8:30am Care team mtg. – CSR <b>10:00 am Joint Sunday Service in the Chapel</b> 11:45 am New Way Rehearsal – Chapel  4-7 MC – Sanctuary & classrooms	<b>12</b> 10:00 am FCC Bible Study – CSR 1:00 pm – Outreach Meeting – CSR  6:30 pm Venture Crew – CSR 7:30 pm Boy Scouts – SH  PCT – 7 - 10pm – Chapel	<b>13</b> 10:00 am Bible Study – CSR PCT – 7 - 10pm – Chapel	<b>14</b> PCT – 7 - 10pm – SH 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	<b>15</b> PCT – 7 - 10pm – Chapel	<b>16</b> 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	<b>17</b> Bountiful Table – 11:30 am – 12:30 pm – SH  3 pm – 7 pm – Private event - SH
<b>18</b> <b>10:00 am Joint Sunday Service – Chapel</b> 11:45 am FCC Cabinet Meeting – CSR  4-7 MC – Sanctuary & classrooms	<b>19</b> 10:00 am FCC Bible Study – CSR 6:30 pm Venture Crew – CSR 7:30 pm Boy Scouts – SH  PCT – 7 - 10pm – Chapel	<b>20</b> 10:00 am Bible Study – CSR 6:30 pm Session Meeting PCT – 7 - 10pm – Chapel	<b>21</b> 11:30 am – Welcome & Marketing – CSR 3:00 pm – Worship Meeting – Ann's home. PCT – 7 - 10pm – Chapel  7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	<b>22</b> <i>*April newsletter articles Due to the Church Office today!</i> PCT – 7 - 10pm – Chapel	<b>23</b> 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	<b>24</b> 11 am – Memorial Service for Betty Brown – Chapel and Social Hall
<b>25</b> 9:00 am New Way Warm up – Chapel <b>10:00 am New Way Worship Service in the Chapel</b> 11:45 am New Way Rehearsal – Chapel  4-7 MC - Sanctuary & classrooms	<b>26</b> 10:00 am FCC Bible Study – CSR 6:30 pm Venture Crew – CSR 7:30 pm Boy Scouts – SH  PCT – 7 - 10pm – Chapel	<b>27</b> 10:00 am Bible Study – CSR 5:30 pm – Film Night – CSR PCT – 7 - 10pm – Chapel	<b>28</b> PCT – 7 - 10pm – Chapel 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano - CSR	<b>29</b> Maundy Thursday PCT – 7 - 10pm – Chapel	<b>30</b> Good Friday 7:30 – 9 PM Ministerio Cristiano Sanctuary & 2 class rooms	<b>31</b> 4 pm – 8 pm – Ministerio Cristiano – Marriage Seminary – SH



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TIME DATED MATERIAL

## March Events at ECSV

### Bountiful Table - Free Lunch Event

*March 17<sup>th</sup> 11:30 – 12:30 pm in the Social Hall.*

### Palm Sunday

*Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Camp Stoneman Chapel.*

### Maundy Thursday

*March 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be sharing worship with Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church service will be at 7:00 pm at CVPC (1578 Kirker Pass Rd., Clayton).*

### Easter Celebration

*April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary.*

*Bring flowers to help flower the cross during the children's message.  
Easter Egg Hunt for the children to follow.*